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### **Secretary of State Bowen Announces Certified List of 16<sup>th</sup> Senate District Candidates**

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced the certified list of candidates who will appear on the May 21 Special Primary Election ballot for the 16<sup>th</sup> Senate District. The candidates and their official ballot designations are:

- **Paulina Miranda (Party Preference: Democratic) – Businesswoman**
- **Leticia Perez (Party Preference: Democratic) – County Supervisor**
- **Francisco “Frank” Ramirez (Party Preference: Democratic) – Business Consultant**
- **Andy Vidak (Party Preference: Republican) – Farmer/Small Businessman**
- **Mohammad “O” Arif (Party Preference: Peace and Freedom) – Businessman**

The Senate District 16 special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by Michael Rubio, who resigned after accepting a job in the private sector.

In a special primary, if one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast (50 percent plus one), no additional election is necessary. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election will be held on July 23, with a ballot featuring the two candidates who received the most votes in the primary, regardless of party preference.

The official certified list of candidates with contact information is at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/special-elections/2013-sd16/certified-list.pdf](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/special-elections/2013-sd16/certified-list.pdf).

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